Murphysboro City Council Meeting September 13, 2011

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 13th day of September, 2011. Mayor Ron Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Alderman Ardrey led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Williams lead the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Williams then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

Present: Barbara Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Dan Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Absent:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bullar Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Late penalties for payment of gas taxes were discussed; invoice for generator inspections are to be pulled and checked and Alderman Bratton would like to check to see if inspections could be contracted with someone else for less.

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #417, #418 and #419 through September 9, 2011, accounts receivable through September 9, 2011, and payroll through September 9, 2011. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Ardrey Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried**

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Lilly Jabor of South 15th Street inquired if fire hydrant at the end of her street worked. Mayor informed her that they do work but not much pressure; they are only 4 inch lines. Mayor stated we knew about the situation but could not address it at the present time due to money restraints and that we had same situation in several areas in town, including Illinois Avenue.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS

Alderman Ardrey read the minutes of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of August 22, 2011.

Mayor Williams had checked with insurance company regarding flood insurance. FEMA had stated we must have flood insurance on the two pumps if FEMA is to pay for them, if we don't have flood insurance they will not cover them. Flood insurance has to be on everything in the city, you cannot just insure specific items and insurance on the entire city is prohibitively expensive.

Motion: To approve paying account payable register #415 & #416 through 8/22/11.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Costa Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Motion: To approve to write off of \$81,968.88 in 10 year or older collectible water/sewer bills.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman McComb Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Alderman Pierson read the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of August 22, 2011.

Motion: To approve the expenditure of up to \$2000 to Fager's for the replacement of the door for the lower garage at public works.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Bratton Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

Motion: To approve to surplus a 1996 Crown Victoria and a 2001 Crown Victoria

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Bratton Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

We are holding on the motion to approve to surplus the 1984 John Deere 1250 tractor as we need it for the bush hog.

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Alderman Bastien read the minutes of the Public Improvement Committee meeting of August 22, 2011.

Alderman McComb stated he will check with the dumpster company to see if they would give us one dumpster if we rented one.

Motion: To approve taking the cost of renting two dumpsters out of Rehab Fund.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bratton Mayor Williams called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Alderman Bratton read the minutes of the Building and Grounds Committee meeting of August 22, 2011.

Motion: To approve authorizing Bryce Cramer to conduct an energy audit of the administration building for a cost of \$450.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Hughes Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Alderman Bullar read the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of August 22, 2011.

No action taken.

Mayor Williams read the minutes of the Community Relations Committee meeting of August 22, 2011.

No action taken.

Alderman Ardrey read the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of August 22, 2011.

No action taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor stated the following:

Motion: To approve donating the property at 2035 Hortense Street to habitat for Humanity.

Motion by Alderman Costa Second by Alderman Bratton Yeas: Barbara Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Dan Bratton,

Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Nays: None Motion Carried Sheriff's department has requested the intersection at 10th & Chestnut Street be made a 4-way stop. That intersection is presently a 2-way stop with 10th Street north and south having stop signs. It is a safety issue for the sheriff department's vehicles departing in an emergency from their dispatch area. A 4-way stop will help slow down traffic on Chestnut Street.

Motion: To approve a four-way stop at Chestnut Street east and west at 10th Street.

Motion by Alderman Bastien Second by Alderman Bratton Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor. **Motion Carried.**

Joe Summers at Gillenberg's has requested two 30-minute parking signs for the west side of 9th Street between Walnut and Chestnut.

Motion: To approve two 30-minute parking signs for the west side of 9th Street between Walnut and Chestnut.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Costa Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried.

- 1. The Apple Festival ceremony is tomorrow at 5:15 p.m. at Appletime Stage. Everyone is invited to attend. Festival Funland officially opens at 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Apple Festival Grand Parade is Saturday morning beginning at 11 a.m. We will again walk in the parade passing out apples. Please wear your City of Murphysboro shirts. We will meet at 21st and Walnut at 10:30 a.m. with tractor and apples. Representative Bost will drive the tractor. Decided to bring candy for the children, grandchildren and families walking with us to hand out.
- 3. The Murphysboro BBQ Championship Cook-Offf begins on Thursday, September 22nd with the fish fry buffet. We will have teams competing for the Memphis championship spot and teams competing for the Kansas City spot. This year is bringing in more teams than normal. Mike Mills is working to create more space by preparing the lots behind the Warehouse. The Methodist Church has also given permission for the teams to spread onto their lot located across from Annie Mae's restaurant.
- 4. We want to thank IYC for sending young people into downtown to help clean curbs and gutters. Thanks to the volunteers that worked downtown cleaning and preparing for our guest. Several hours of hard work were devoted to the task.
- 5. Many thanks to the Cruise Night volunteers for their efforts on behalf of the City and car enthusiasts from around the region. We have met some wonderful people this year and introduced them to the welcoming atmosphere provided by Murphysboro. Cruise Night wrapped up the season last Saturday night. The 2012 session will kick off in April.
- 6. Explosion on 15th Street, we want to thank both the police and fire department, especially MABIS and regional people who helped.

ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Barbara Hughes Thanks from the bottom of my heart to Steve Swafford for

what they did Saturday night. Blue house on corner of 15th & Edith-can we do something about them remodeling and

throwing debris out window?

Vicki Ardrey No

Bill Pierson City council has sponsored a hole for Oct 1 golf tourney.

Cost is \$10 each.

Mike Bastien No

Dan Bratton Bank of Carbondale shrubbery needs trimming. Alderman

Ardrey thought it may have just been trimmed. Discussed burned out houses and that we need to tear them down. However, the cost of removing them is higher than their

value and the city would have to pay for it. In fact

sometimes we do not know who the owners are but Mayor

Williams indicated we need to tear them down.

Mark Costa No

Sandi Bullar Wanted to commend Jeff Bishop for his actions on

Saturday night.

Brown, Russell No

McComb, Gary Anyone seeing weeding at curb etc. needed in their ward

should just call and ask him, he can have it done.

DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS

Bock, Jeff: City needs to purchase proper detour signs. He can't go into

IDOT. Tim is going to do it.

Heller, Ed: Oraville wants a meet on the meter exchange.

Manwaring, Brian No

Manwaring, Ron No.

Ripley, Sandra No.

Swafford, Steve Thank you to Brian, Ron, and Jeff for all help they provided

on 15th Street

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Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.